



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:



Mike Jetty 2008 Indian Educator of the Year Award

2008 Indian High School Student of the Year Award

Erika Long Knife – Harlem High School

2008 Indian College Student of the Year Award

Vernon Grant – University of Montana

2008 Indian Parent of the Year Award

Bryan and Kassandra Brazill – Arlee, MT

2008 Indian Teacher of the Year K-8 Award

Marcia Billedeaux-Beaumont – Browning Public Schools

2008 Indian Teacher of the Year 9-12 Award

Lorrie Davis Tatsey - Browning Public Schools

2008 Indian Elder of the Year Award

Floyd "Bob" Gervais - Browning, MT

2008 MIEA Special Recognition Award

Dr. Jeff Sanders – MSU-Billings

2008 Indian Educator of the Year Award

Mike Jetty – Office of Public Instruction

PANEL OFFERS HIGH PRAISE FOR STATE'S INDIAN EDUCATION

By ROB CHANEY, The Missoulian (04/28/08)

Montana educators won praise from a panel of national education leaders at the Montana

Indian Education Association conference last week.

PANEL OKS INDIAN HEALTH BILL

By Gazette News Services

WASHINGTON - Legislation to promote careers in American Indian health care was approved by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on Thursday.

BIA CHIEF QUILTS UNEXPECTEDLY

by: [Rob Capriccioso](#) Indian Country Today® (05/02/08)

WASHINGTON - After serving for just over a year as assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, Carl J. Artman is leaving the Bush administration. His resignation comes as a surprise to many Indian leaders and U.S. government officials, but some who know him said increasing frustrations with the bureaucracy of the BIA played a role in his early exit.

'WINTERS DOCTRINE' ON WATER RIGHTS STILL HAUNTS THE AMERICAN WEST

[Jerry Reynolds](#) Indian Country Today® (04/28/08)

WASHINGTON - When a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 1908 gave rise to the "Winters Doctrine" of reserved tribal water rights, only the U.S. government stood between tribes and a settler-

state thirst for water that threatened many reservations with drought.

FROM DREAM TO REALITY, BUILDING THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER WAS LONG HAUL

By PETER JOHNSON Great Falls Tribune (04/27/08)

Explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark faced tough terrain, a growling grizzly, vexing "musquitoes," apple-size hail and moccasin-piercing cactus in their long haul around Great Falls in 1805.

POW WOW DANCER HONORS MOTHER'S LEGACY

By GAIL SCHONTZLER Daily Chronicle (05/02/08)

When Larry Eugene Birdinground Martin leads the dancers in this weekend's Pow Wow, he'll be dancing to honor many people, but especially his mother, who died when he was just a boy.

CROW ARTIST WINS NATIONAL HONOR

By The Gazette Staff (05/01/08)



A Crow doll maker has won the top award at the Indian Arts and Crafts Association competition in Albuquerque, N.M.

Courtesy photo by John Ojeda Mary Lou Big Day, of Pryor, created a miniature scene focused on a Crow doll moving the family camp. She is the first beadworker and the first member of the Crow Tribe chosen as Artist of the Year by the Arts and Crafts Association since the competition started in 1982

STATE HOUSING BOARD TO MEET AT CROW AGENCY ON MAY 5TH

(HELENA) - The Montana Board of Housing (MBOH), Department of Commerce, will hold their monthly public meeting on Monday, May 5th. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Crow Tribal Housing Authority, 1 Circle Lane, Crow Agency. "The Montana Board of Housing is a champion for housing issues across Montana," Governor Brian Schweitzer said. "I support the board's continued efforts to make safe, affordable housing accessible to every Montanan."

JOB VACANCIES:

HR – TALENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT POSITION #61106400, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,095 to \$50,119 DOQ. This position is responsible for the development and implementation of strategies designed to improve processes for recruiting, developing and retaining a qualified workforce on a statewide level. Application deadline: Wednesday May 14, 2008 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=327

ACCOUNTANT, POSITION #61162000, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,470 to \$45,000 DOQ. This position provides technical assistance and direction to local government entities to ensure compliance with local, state and national standards, rules and laws and to ensure uniform accounting statewide. Application deadline: Wednesday May 14, 2008 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=328

ENGINEERING MANAGER -Position #36010 State of Montana Department of Transportation, Helena Salary \$55,298 - \$69,122. Annually. Responsible for coordination and supervision of a wide variety of civil engineering work related to the traffic-engineering specialty. Responsibility involves both federal-aid project development (in the area of Hazard Elimination Safety, spot improvement, signing and pavement marking projects) and overhead requests from both inside and outside the department. This position involves a proportion of direct assignment to be carried out by the individual and a proportion involving work assigned to design crews, professional staff and technical staff under this position's direct supervision. For a complete listing and to apply see us at www.mdt.mt.gov This position closes on May 9th, 2008.

TOURISM RESEARCH AIDE SURVEYORS needed for tourism research on all seven Reservations, 2-3 days per week, July and August. \$10-12/hr depending on experience. Must use own vehicle, travel short distances, work independently. Send cover letter, resume, list of 3 references to: The Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research, University of Montana, 32 Campus Dr. #1234, Missoula, MT 59812-1234. Please call 243-5686 for more information.

MANAGEMENT ANALYST Position Number: 58106154, Division: Legal Services, Band/Salary: 6/\$16.88 - \$20.05/hr DOQ, Status: Permanent/Full-Time, Location: Helena, Union: No, Supplement: No, Closing Date: May 14, 2008. www.mt.gov/revenue.

FIELD CONSULTANT- NW3 MEA-MFT seeks a qualified, experienced individual to fill the position of Field Consultant in its Missoula office. The position is responsible for providing support, training, and assistance to local unions, for organizing new units, and for implementing MEA-MFT policies and programs (see job description listed below). MEA-MFT is a statewide union representing 17,000 members employed in all aspects of education and public service. This is a professional staff position, responsible to the MEA-MFT executive director. Salary range is \$56,390 to \$89,250; benefits are excellent. Considerable in-state travel is involved. MEA-MFT is a tobacco-free workplace. Qualified minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply. Application is by letter and resume, detailing relevant experience, to Erik Burke, MEA-MFT Executive Director, 1232 E. Sixth Ave., Helena MT 59601, by May 16, 2008. Call 406-442-4250 for more information.

PART-TIME ADJUNCT FACULTY POSITION(S) will be available beginning fall, 2008, in the Department of Computer Science. Candidates must have teaching experience and an M.S. degree. Appointments are typically made one semester at a time, for one or more computer science courses per instructor. There is a possibility, but no guarantee, that the position(s) can be continued for additional semesters.

EVENTS/TRAINING:

SALISH & KOOTENAI SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING WORKSHOP, 05/21, PABLO

7:30 AM

S&K Old Tribal Complex

Northwest American Indian Development (NWAID), and the Salish & Kootenai Indian Preference Office, will join together to bring the Small Business Administration (SBA), US Forest Service Region 1 Acquisition Team, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT), S&K Tribal Safety of Dams/Roads Program, Marketing and Procurement Services Program, and S&K Holding Small Business Coaching in a combined effort to deliver valuable information on government contracting and business development to the Salish & Kootenai American Indian Business Community Wednesday May 21, 2008 7:30am-4:00pm in Pablo, MT. The training is an opportunity for American Indian business owners (suppliers) to gain valuable information on business development, and how firms can successfully compete in the Federal, State and local contracting environment. Representatives from US Forest Service, Salish & Kootenai Tribal Procurement, and Montana Department of Transportation will provide information on typical requirements contracting officers look for when selecting a vendor. The training will also feature sessions in bonding, financial management, developing a statement of qualifications, and how to start your own business. NWAID and Salish & Kootenai Indian Preference Office encourage

your participation at this event.
Contact: Ray King, 406-883-4317 Ext.106

The federal government disbursed \$2.45 trillion in domestic spending in 2006, a 7.5 percent increase in federal spending over 2005, according to two reports recently published by the U.S. Census Bureau. Over \$8 billion came to the state of Montana, an increase of 2.5 percent between 2005 and 2006.

The first of the new reports, *Consolidated Federal Funds Report(CFFR): 2006*, provides a broad overview of how and where the federal government allocates funds. Statistics are provided for each federal department and agency, and presented by state, county and subcounty area. The second report, *Federal Aid to States for Fiscal Year 2006*, contains data on federal grants to state and local governments. Both of these reports can be accessed through the U.S. Census Bureau's web site at <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/cffr.html>.

For a Montana Highlight and a county map showing per capita federal government expenditures, visit CEIC's web site at <http://ceic.mt.gov/cbep.asp>.

For more information or assistance accessing the data, contact CEIC staff at ceic@mt.gov or 841-2740.

THE MT/WY TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL IS CO-HOSTING THE 8TH NATIONAL TRIBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Nurturing Mother Earth....Our People's Destiny

Billings, MT – The 8th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management will be held at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana Convention Center, in Billings, Montana from June 24th-26th, 2008. This premier event, co-sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, is expected to attract over 600 participants.

Conference planners are expecting a diverse audience representing Tribal professionals from across the United States and Alaska. Federal, state, and local governments will be in attendance as well. Allyson Kelley, NTCEM Director remarks, "this conference promotes the leading environmental practices for tribes and promotes a sense of stewardship and community among attendees".

Highlights from the conference include keynote speaker and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Dr. Steve Running, who is a leading expert in climate change. He shares a piece of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

For more information about the conference, please visit the NTCEM website at www.ntcem8.org.

FOUNDER OF BOOTSTRAP MONTANA AND RIGHTNOW CEO GREG GIANFORTE TO DELIVER KEYNOTE AT ENTREPRENEURIAL SEMINAR IN WHITEFISH, MONTANA

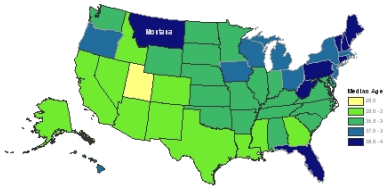
Bozeman, MT., April 25, 2008 – Bootstrap Montana is hosting an educational seminar geared toward rural entrepreneurs at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana on May 23, 2008 at 8:30 am. The seminar will

Friday, May 02, 2008

teach bootstrapping – building your business with little or no outside investment capital – to business leaders, community members, and individuals interested in entrepreneurship.

Contact Prairie Lee at TechRanch to register or visit <http://www.bootstramountana.org/images/agenda.pdf> for more information about the event.

Thursday, May 1st, the U.S. Census Bureau will release the 2007 national and state population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin. The detailed data, including tables, graphs, and a Montana Highlight (population pyramids comparing the U.S. to Montana) will be available on CEIC's state population estimates web page, <http://ceic.mt.gov/EstimatesStatePop.asp>, by noon Thursday.



County Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin data will be released later this summer. Please contact CEIC staff if you have questions or need assistance accessing the data at ceic@mt.gov or 841-2740.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANT PROGRAM (TRGP)

DEADLINE: **June 13, 2008.**

The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program 2008 (TRGP 2008). Up to \$15 million in federal funds is available in Fiscal Year 2008 to address the serious needs of tribal law enforcement. The TRGP 2008 grant program is a comprehensive program that provides a variety of funding options including officer background investigations, law enforcement training, uniforms, basic issue equipment, department-wide technology, and vehicles for officers. The program's aim is to enhance tribal law enforcement infrastructure and community policing efforts.

There is a cap of \$200,000 for agencies with 20 or fewer sworn officer positions, and a cap of \$400,000 for agencies with at least 21 sworn officer positions.

OJJDP ANNOUNCES TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM'S JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

DEADLINE: **June 13, 2008**

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) is seeking applicants under its [FY 2008 Tribal Youth Program's Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grants](#) solicitation to develop and implement programs that hold tribal youth accountable for their delinquent behavior and strengthen tribal juvenile justice systems.

OJJDP encourages federally recognized tribes and tribal partnerships, when appropriate, to apply. Only federally recognized tribes whose names appear in Volume 70,

Number 226, of the Federal Register (pp. 71194-98) are eligible to receive an award. Questions should be addressed to Brecht Donoghue, Program Manager, at brecht.donoghue@usdoj.gov or 202-305-1270.

TRIBAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ON LEAD POISONING MODIFICATION 3

Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2008 TRIBAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECT Grant

Environmental Protection Agency

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM NEGOTIATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT

Department of Health and Human Services
Indian Health Service

TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM CFDA 84.031T (INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS) GRANT

U.S. Department of Education

TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM CFDA 84.031T (CONSTRUCTION GRANTS)

U.S. Department of Education

USING TRADITIONAL FOODS AND SUSTAINABLE ECOLOGICAL APPROACHES FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND DIABETES PREVENTION IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) COMMUNITIES MODIFICATION 1

Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES FOR CANCER CONTROL IN UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS GRANT

Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PHMSA HMEP NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES GRANT

U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline & Hazardous Material Safety Administration

2008 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM SYNOPSIS GRANT

Environmental Protection Agency

RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Funding Opportunity Number:	FR-5200-N-04
Posted Date:	Apr 28, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications:	May 30, 2008
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Housing
Award Ceiling:	\$17,000,000
Award Floor:	\$300,000
CFDA Number:	14.250 -- Rural Housing and Economic Development
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligible Applicants are: federally recognized Indian tribes

The purpose of the RHED program is to provide support for innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. The funds made available under this program will be awarded competitively through a selection process conducted by HUD in accordance with the HUD Reform Act. Individuals are NOT eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

First People Youth Entrepreneurship Camp Application

"Do you want to build a better community? Do you have an idea for how to do it?"

This camp will get you started. You will have the chance to use your creativity and knowledge with hands-on activities and meetings with American Indian political and business leaders. Find out how you can make idea really work and what support you need to launch your idea.

The First People Youth Entrepreneurship Camp is providing twenty Native American youth ages 13 & 14 from around Montana is a great new way to make new friends, see the state, build their communities and even get a college scholarship. The week-long residential free camp is running June 16th-21st on the University of Great Falls campus in Great Falls, Montana. This isn't a week of lectures and classrooms - it's a week of hands on activities and field trips designed to help you turn your community idea into a reality. You'll get to talk to leaders in business and government, see how businesses thrive in different communities, and have fun golfing, swimming, and relaxing on the UGF campus. By the generous support of the University of Great Falls, all students who attend this camp will receive four-year, full-tuition scholarships to the University.

Come and have fun exploring your ideas!

The First People Youth Entrepreneurship Camp is a collaboration of the Montana Indian Business Alliance, the University of Great Falls, and Rural Dynamics Incorporated. Because of the generous support of our partners, the camp is tuition free and there are need-based scholarships available for transportation.



June 16-21, 2008
University of Great Falls Campus



**Ask your teacher for an application or
apply on-line at www.RuralDynamics.org
Application Due May 7, 2008**



MONTANA INDIAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE



Assiniboine
Blackfoot
Chippewa
Cree
Crow
Gros Ventre
Kootenai
Little Shell Tribe
of Chippewa
Northern Cheyenne
Pend d'Oreilles
Salish
Sioux

Montana Indian Business Alliance

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

*Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes
and the Montana Board of Crime Control present...*



NO COST Data-Driven Tribal Grant Writing Training

DATE: June 24 - 25, 2008
TIME: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
PLACE: Fort Peck Community College
605 Indian Ave., Poplar, MT 59255

To register online, please visit www.mbcc.mt.gov. Some lodging scholarships are available. For more information, contact Casey Richards at (406) 444-3689 or CRichards@mt.gov.

3075 N. Montana Ave.
PO Box 201408
Helena, MT 59620-1408

Phone: (406) 444-3604
Fax: (406) 444-4722
www.mbcc.mt.gov

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

*Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians
and the Montana Board of Crime Control present...*



NO COST Data-Driven Tribal Grant Writing Training

DATE: June 3 - 4, 2008

TIME: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

PLACE: Hampton Inn
2301 14th St. SW, Great Falls, MT 59405

To register online, please visit www.mbcc.mt.gov. Some lodging scholarships are available. For more information, contact Casey Richards at (406) 444-3689 or CRichards@mt.gov.

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